

The first single letter that came to notice was the inverted S (S0010.01i), though not given provisional status at the time the Letter S was incorporated into the New Catalogue. This inverted S is found on many of the multiple letter provisionals that exist and has yet to be found on a standard die.

I have noticed that a few identities had a multiple letter die prior to the Second World War, and were then shown using a single letter die before changing back to a multiple letter die.

One example of this is William Dawson & Sons Ltd, who used various dies with the main one known being WD/&S (W2040.03). This was used to 07/02/1941 The earliest use for the next WD/&S die (W2040.02B) is 12/11/1943.

I had seen a cover for William Dawson & Sons Ltd on the eBay auction site using the letter D (D0010.02) dated 19/05/1942 and then purchased another dated 07/01/1943, again with the same letter die.

It would appear that after Slopers were bombed in May 1941 that they used standard single letter dies as provisionals in addition to the multiple letters. The known usage of the letter D for William Dawson was for only two years between 1942-1943 and this would seem to prove the single letter provisional theory.

Has anyone else any corroborating evidence or information on other single letter dies that could have been used as temporary provisionals? Details to **1 Nicolson Road, Orpington, Kent BR5 4EH.**